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Application of: Lola M. REID *et al.*

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants in the aforementioned matter petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2002, paper number 7, for two months from November 1, 2002, up to and including January 1, 2003.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

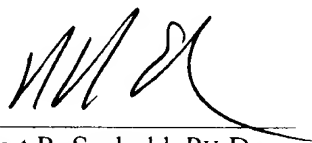
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Please find enclosed a check for \$200.00 in payment of the extension fee. Applicants believe there is no additional fee due in connection with this filing. However, to the extent required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with this

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